

Mr. Hartridge moved that the rules be waived, and that he be permitted to introduce a resolution;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Hartridge introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 10:

Resolved, That the Committees on Corporations, Militia and Constitutional Amendments, be and they are hereby authorized to jointly employ a clerk for the joint use of the several committees named.

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

And the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Phipps moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Blitch of 21st, Broome, Fuller, Gaillard, McLin, Peacock, Roberts and Wadsworth—9.

No quorum being present, Mr. Blitch of 21st moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

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Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hart-ridge, Hendly, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Introduction of Resolutions, Petitions and Memorials.

Mr. Fuller introduced the following Concurrent Resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15:

Resolved, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee composed of two from the Senate and three from the House be appointed to draft an article memorializing Congress, urging prompt settlement of the "Indian War Claim."

The resolution was read the first time and laid over under the rules.

Mr. Carson introduced the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No 16:

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee of three consisting of two from the House of Representatives and one from the Senate be appointed to examine into and report the condition of the State Normal School at DeFuniak Springs.

The resolution was read the first time and laid over under the rules.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 64:

A Joint Resolution memorializing Congress to propose an amendment to the constitution of the United States as to the election of United States Senators.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Joint Resolution No. 64 be read in full;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 64 was read the first time in full.

And referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

By Mr. Phipps:

Senate Bill No. 65:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Fuller:

Senate Bill No. 66:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the present corporation of the town of Clear Water Harbor, Florida, and to provide for a municipal government for the town of Clear Water, and to define the boundaries thereof;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

By Mr. Dimick:

Senate Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit fishing in the waters of Lake Worth and tributaries;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

By Mr. Dimick:

Senate Bill No. 68:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for the completion of the canals and waterways of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company from St. Augustine to Biscayne Bay, and to continue all its grants, rights and privileges;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Canals and Telegraph.

By Mr. Myers:

Senate Bill No. 69:

To be entitled an act to extend the time for completing the Carrabelle, Tallahassee and Georgia Railroad, and to preserve and continue the grant lands heretofore made to aid in its construction;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Chipley:

Senate Bill No. 70:

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation to cover a deficiency in the appropriation for the census of 1895;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Bill No. 71:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the regulation of railroad schedules, freight and passenger tariffs, and building of freight and passenger depots in this State; to prevent unjust discrimination in the rates charged for the transportation of passengers and freight, and to prohibit railroad companies, corporations, persons and all common carriers in this State from charging other than just and reasonable rates and to enforce the same, and to prescribe a mode of procedure and rules of evidence in relation thereto, and to appoint commissioners, and to prescribe their duties and powers;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Dougherty.

Senate Bill No. 72:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2347, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the disposition of the proceeds of life insurance;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Dougherty:

Senate Bill No. 73:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the means and method of capturing and killing food fishes in the waters of the New Smyrna Inlet, Hillsboro River, Mosquito Lagoon, Halifax River, Spruce, Tomokee, Bulow and Smith Creeks, and the bays and tributary waters thereof on the east coast of Florida, and providing for the punishment of persons violating the same, and appointing a fish warden, and providing for the escheating the property and appliances, and in disposing of the proceeds;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Messages from the House.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 9, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 21:

Relative to the appointment of a committee to investigate the State convicts, camps or stockades where State convicts are kept, and to investigate the treatment of State convicts.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 21, contained in above message, was read the first time and laid over under the rules until to-morrow.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 13, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 31:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment by the Collector of Revenue of the several counties of the State of

Florida, of all moneys received and collected by them from dealers in spirituous liquors, ales, wines and beer, in their several counties to the County Treasurer of each county, and the distribution of the same.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and return it herewith, with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bill No 31, contained in the above report, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, {
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 13, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 18:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations, and certain other acts or things intended or tending to prevent, hinder, or obstruct the lawful sale of Florida fed beef or other beef or fresh meat or cattle or other edible animal in this State, or tending to monopolize or control the sale or price thereof.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and return it without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Barber moved that 150 copies of Senate Bill No. 18 be printed, and that the bill lay on the table, subject to call;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 13, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 20:

A bill to be entitled an act enlarging and extending the rights, powers and privileges of the Tropical Building and Investment Company of Key West, Fla.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it be amended, by inserting after the word "Florida" in the caption of the bill, "and granting to it banking privileges."

Also, at the end of section 2 insert "and the said corporation shall be liable and subject to the general laws of the State applicable to banks in all respects as if it were incorporated thereunder."

And as thus amended, recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED. T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 20 contained in the above report, together with the amendments offered by the committee, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 13, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 5:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable a married woman who is a free dealer, to sell, convey or mortgage her property.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 35:

A bill to be entitled an act to punish the improper exhibition of dangerous weapons.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 41:

A bill to be entitled an act making county court judgments liens upon real estate, and authorizing levy and sale of real estate under execution from said courts.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 43:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate admissions to the bar of the State, to create a board of legal examiners, and to provide for a uniform system of legal examinations.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED. T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 5, 35, 41 and 43, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 13, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 40:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2310 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida in relation to assignments for the benefit of creditors.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and would recommend that it be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

That section 2310 of the Revised Statutes be amended so as to read as follows:

2310. Qualifications of Assignee. No one shall be selected

and appointed assignee by the assignor, in such assignment, who is related by consanguinity or affinity to the assignor, and who does not give bond, to be approved by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county wherein the assignor lives or does business, or of the county wherein is situated the property assigned, payable to the Governor of Florida in double of the value of the property assigned, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties devolved on him as such assignee, said bond to be filed in the office aforesaid immediately upon the assignee taking possession of the assigned property.

And as thus amended, would recommend that it do pass,

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 40, contained in the above report, together with the amendment offered by the committee, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 13, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 16:

A bill to be entitled an act to further provide for the foreclosure of mortgages, and the sale of mortgaged property.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 16, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr Chipley, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 12, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 26:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 11 of an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to establish the municipality of Key West, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, approved May 16, 1889, and to extend the powers of said municipality, approved May 25, 1895.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And Senate Bill No. 26, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Chipley, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 13, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 32:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Veteran Association of Putnam county, Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And Senate Bill No. 32, contained in the above report, was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Chipley, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 12, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 55:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the issuance of water works and funding bonds of the city of St. Augustine, in the county of St. Johns, State of Florida, under section 5, of article 7, chapter 3972, Laws of Florida, incorporating the city of St. Augustine, as amended by chapter 4499, and to declare and render valid the bonds issued by said city under an ordinance, and its amendatory ordinances, passed July 1st, and approved July 3d, 1896, under and by virtue of said chapters.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And Senate Bill No. 55, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wadsworth, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 12, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 52:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to fire insurance policies, prescribing a rule of evidence and measure of damage in case of loss.

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,

Chairman of Committee on Corporations.

And Senate Bill No. 52, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. McLin, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 13, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 47:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 3 of chapter 4477, Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1895, in reference to a railroad from Tallahassee to Gainesville and other points.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

And Senate Bill No. 47, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Blitch of 20th, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 12, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 59:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to require persons killing hogs or sheep for market, to exhibit

the mark of such hogs or sheep, being chapter 4186 of the Laws of Florida.

Beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

S. H. BLITCH,

Chairman Committee on State Affairs.

And Senate Bill No. 59, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Daniel, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 13, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Privileges and Elections have had under consideration—

Senate Bill No. 2:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent illegal voting at primary elections.

And recommend that the bill be not passed.

Very respectfully,

W. J. DANIEL,

Chairman of Committee on Privileges and Election.

And Senate Bill No. 2, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Blitch of 21st, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 13, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 37:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect and encourage the artificial growth of the sponge within the waters of the State of Florida, and conceding certain riparian rights to those engaged therein, and to prescribe a license in certain cases.

Beg leave to report that your committee has had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITON,

Chairman Committee on Fisheries.

And Senate Bill No. 37, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Carson, Chairman of the Committee on Mining and Phosphate, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 13, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Mining and Phosphate, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 3:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the inspection of all phosphate mined in the State of Florida; to appoint a Commissioner of Phosphates, and to define his authority and his duties, and to provide for the collection of inspection fees therefrom, and to prohibit persons and corporations from exporting, buying, shipping or putting on board ship phosphates contrary to the provisions of this act.

Have had the bill under careful consideration, and respectfully recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,

Chairman Committee on Mining and Phosphate.

And Senate Bill No. 3, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 12, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—You Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred—

Senate Memorial No. 34:

A memorial to the Congress of the United States asking that the homesteaders in the storm district be permitted to purchase their lands at not more than twenty-five cents per acre.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined said memorial and recommend its passage.

Very respectfully,

F. ADAMS.

Chairman Committee on Public Lands.

And Senate Memorial No. 34, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Consideration of Bills on Second Reading.

Senate Bill No. 14:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 4349, Acts of the Legislature of 1895, defining what cities and towns shall impound hogs, and to prohibit the driving them within the corporate limits,

Was taken up and read a second time, and, as amended yesterday, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills

Senate Bill No. 17:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 414, Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the examinations of accounts of officers authorized to receive public money,

Was taken up.

Mr. Blitch of 21st moved that Senate Bill No. 17 be passed over informally;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 20:

A bill to be entitled an act enlarging and extending the rights, powers and privileges of the Tropical Building and Investment Company,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, together with the amendment offered by the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Phipps moved that the committee amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 20, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 5:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable a married woman who is a free dealer, to sell, convey or mortgage her property,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 5:

In line 2 of the title add the words "without her husband joining in the conveyance" after the word "property."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 5, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 35:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the improper exhibition of dangerous weapons,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 41:

A bill to be entitled an act making county court judgments liens upon real estate, and authorizing levy and sale of real estate under execution from said courts,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 43:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate admissions to the bar of the State, to create a board of legal examiners, and to provide for a uniform system of legal examinations,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 40:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2310 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida in relation to assignments for the benefit of creditors,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, together with the committee amendment.

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment of the Judiciary Committee;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 40, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 16:

A bill to be entitled an act to further provide for the foreclosure of mortgages, and the sale of mortgaged property,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Blitch of 21st, moved that the bill lay on the table subject to call;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 55:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the issuance of water works and funding bonds of the city of St. Augustine, in the county of St. Johns, State of Florida, under section 5, of article 7, chapter 3972, Laws of Florida, incorporating the city of St. Augustine, as amended by chapter 4499, and to declare and render valid the bonds issued by said city under an ordinance, and its amendatory ordinances, passed July 1st, and approved July 3d, 1896, under and by virtue of said chapters,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 26:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 11 of an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to establish the municipality of Key West, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers, approved May 16, 1889, and to extend the powers of said municipality, approved May 25, 1891,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 52:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to fire insurance policies, prescribing a rule of evidence and measure of damage in case of loss,

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 52:

In line 6, section 1, strike out all after the word "property" in this section.

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Daniel, Dimick, Hartridge and Phipps—5.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hendly, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—24.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 52:

In lines 7 and 8, section 1, strike out the words "amount for which the building was insured," and substitute therefor the words "value of the building destroyed at the time of destruction."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Chipley, Daniel, Dimick, Hartridge and Phipps—6.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hendly, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—23.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 52:

After section 1 add the following words, "provided that nothing herein shall apply to policies of insurance that may have been issued prior to the passage and approval of this act."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Daniel, Hartridge and Phipps—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hendly, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—26.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 52 was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 59:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to require persons killing hogs or sheep for market, to exhibit the marks of such hogs or sheep, being chapter 4186 of the Laws of Florida,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 2:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent illegal voting at primary elections,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Blitch of 20th requested permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 2;

Which was granted.

Senate Bill No. 37:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect and encourage the artificial growth of the sponge within the waters of the State of Florida, and conceding certain riparian rights to those engaged therein, and to prescribe a license in certain cases.

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 3:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the inspection of all phosphate mined in the State of Florida; to appoint a Commissioner of Phosphates, and to define his authority and his duties, and to provide for the collection of inspection fees therefrom, and to prohibit persons and corporations from exporting, buying, shipping or putting on board ship phosphates contrary to the provisions of this act,

Was taken up.

Mr. Blitch of 20th requested permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 3;

Which was granted.

Senate Memorial No. 34:

A memorial to the Congress of the United States asking that the homesteaders in the storm district be permitted to purchase their lands at not more than twenty-five cents per acre,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 47:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 3 of chapter 4477, Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1895, in reference to a railroad from Tallahassee to Gainesville and other points,

Was taken up, and owing to the absence of Mr Bailey, passed informally.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

 AFTERNOON SESSION.

4:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts and Williams—24.

A quorum present.

The President announced the business for this afternoon to be the holding of services in memory of Hon. William Naylor Thompson, late a member of this body from the 16th District.

Mr. Chipley moved that a committee consisting of five (5) Senators be appointed to draft appropriate resolutions of respect in honor of Hon. William Naylor Thompson, deceased, and in connection with the motion make the following remarks:

MR. PRESIDENT:

It is my sad duty to announce the death of Wm. Naylor Thompson, who died September 30, 1896, being at the time of his death a member of this body.

My last association with Wm. Naylor Thompson was upon the floor of this Chamber, as it was not my privilege to meet him after the adjournment of the last session of the Senate, except for a passing salutation.

I had enjoyed many years of intimate, and to me congenial, acquaintance with Mr. Thompson before the last Legislature convened, but my mind naturally turns to the pleasant recollections of the association of that session.

He stood among us, then, Senators, robust in health, and clear in mind. His disposition was a kindly and happy one, and though his appreciation of the ludicrous was keen, and though he was quick to turn a point upon a brother Senator, it was not done in a way to offend. On the contrary he was not only kind and considerate, but thoughtful of the rights of others, and was courteous upon all occasions.

He had nothing of the egotist in his character, yet he thought for himself and defended his conclusions courageously, but without ignoring or underestimating the opinion of others.

His services in this Chamber gave ample proof of his ability as a legislator, his record on the battlefield attested his devotion to principle and his superb courage, his many years of worthy deeds left his name honored and beloved by all

who knew him, but as husband and father and friend, his true nobility of his character shown resplendent.

His heart was full of love of wife and children and home, and he understood what friendship meant; an attribute that ran through the deeds and thoughts of his life, softening the shadows, and making the sunlight of Naylor Thompson's life bright and happy.

No language of mine, Mr. President, can add to the sweetness and greatness of my friend's character, but affection dictates this brief tribute to his worth, his own life will perpetuate his memory.

The motion of Mr. Chipley was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Chipley, Dougherty, Williams, Gaillard and Reeves as such committee.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the committee be given until to-morrow morning to make a report;

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 13, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 27:

A bill to be entitled an act to require all taxes on land sold for partition to be paid out of the purchase money.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 52:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to fire insurance policies, prescribing a rule of evidence and measure of damage in case of loss.

Have examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

C. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bill.

And Senate Bills Nos. 27 and 52, contained in said report, were passed to the calendar of bills on third reading.

By permission—
Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 13, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 1:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the sale or gift of intoxicating liquors to the Seminole Indians, and to provide a penalty therefor.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 21:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal section 6 of chapter 3966, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to establish the municipality of Key West, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurisdiction and powers; all amendments to said section, and to provide for the payment of bonds issued under the provisions of said section, and to prescribe the manner in which new bonds may be issued.

Have examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

C. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 1 and 21, contained in the said report, were passed to the calendar of bills on third reading.

By permission—

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Committee on Canals and Telegraph, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 13, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Canals and Telegraph, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 68.

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for the completion of the canals and waterways of the Florida Coast.

Line Canal and Transportation Company from St. Augustine to Biscayne Bay, and to continue all of its grants, rights, and privileges.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman Committee on Canals and Telegraph.

And Senate Bill No. 68, contained in the said report, was passed to the calender of bills on second reading.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—28.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Williams:

Senate Bill No. 74:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to grant certain lands to aid in the construction of the Fernandina and Western Railway;